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Reference F.R. which is request from the Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau to F.M. seeking advise on how, if at all, two persons in Pakistan, Mian Akbar Shah and Col. Shaukat Malik, who had been associated with the I.N.A., could visit India for the Third International Netaji Seminar in 1979. As the Executive Director has observed, this Ministry had indeed authorised visa for the participation of Col. Malik in a Seminar organised in 1977 but it is obvious that he was not allowed to come to India by the Pakistan Government (I have checked the relevant papers which are in the Pak Visa Cell).

2. Keeping in mind the position that the I.N.A. Movement occupies in the history of our independence struggle, it would be in order for us to forward the invitations to the two Pakistani persons from the Netaji Research Bureau through our Embassy in Islamabad and the Pakistan Foreign Office. At the same time, it could be explained to the Bureau that it would not be possible for us to ensure the participation of the two Pakistani nationals concerned, as the Pakistan Government would eventually decide on its own whether or not to allow the two persons to travel to India.

3. A draft reply from F.M. is placed below:

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I regret that the submission of these papers has been delayed inordinately.

S.A. to F.M.

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Letter from SA to FM to Dr. Bose forwarded on the file

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From the
Executive Director

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No.79/185/78

19 May 1978

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Union Minister of External Affairs
Government of India
New Delhi

Dear Shri Vajpayee,

I am writing this letter on a rather delicate but very important subject. I hope the matter will receive your personal attention.

You may be aware that the Netaji Research Bureau has grown up to be a historical institute of international stature and has already organised two International Seminars and one All-India History Seminar with international participation. The Third International Netaji Seminar is due to be held on the occasion of Netaji's 82nd birth anniversary from the 23rd to the 26th January 1979. Our seminars are of unique nature, in that we bring together active participants in the freedom movement and research historians on the same platform thus making historical studies live, dynamic and fruitful to all concerned. We have been trying for the past few years to get a number of such important persons from Pakistan who can make a positive contribution to the study of our common struggle for independence. Last year we attempted to bring Mian Akbar Shah and Col. Shaukat Malik to participate in our seminar. We obtained full cooperation of the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs in this regard and we were informed that necessary visas would be granted to these

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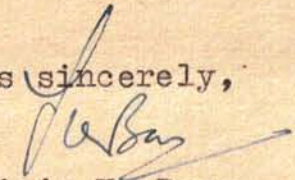
two persons by the Indian Embassy in Islamabad. Mian Akbar Shah and Col. Shaukat Malik actually left their homes on their way to India but the Government of Pakistan at the last moment raised objections to their leaving the country. I should like to have your advice and guidance if and how we could take the matter up again with the Pakistan Government for the Third International Netaji Seminar in 1979.

Mian Akbar Shah is now a very old man. He had a distinguished record in our struggle for freedom, was a close associate of Netaji and was the man who actually organised his escape across the North West Frontier in 1941. Col. Shaukat Malik was a very distinguished officer of the I.N.A. in command of the Bahadur Group and was the first man to hoist the national tri-colour on Indian soil in 1944.

I hope the matter will receive your earnest and sympathetic consideration and we shall have the benefit of your wise counsel at your early convenience.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Sisir K. Bose

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May 30, 1978.

Dear Sir,

The Minister of External Affairs has asked me to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 19th May, 1978.

Yours faithfully,

(P. Ghosh)

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
Calcutta. 700020.

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Special Assistant to

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New Delhi,
Sept. 28, 1978.

Dear Bhri Bose,

Kindly refer to your letter No.79/185/78 dated 19th May, 1978, addressed to the Foreign Minister.

In the absence of the Foreign Minister, who is on tour abroad, I write to inform you that Government of India would certainly assist you, to the extent possible, in enabling Mian Akbar Shah and Col. Shaukat Malik to participate in the Third International Netaji Seminar. Apart from the grant of visas, we could arrange to forward your invitations to these two gentlemen through the Pakistan Foreign Office. We cannot, however, presume on the Government of Pakistan's response. On our part, we will do the needful to enable the visit to India of these two persons.

Kindly send the letters of invitation to Dr. I.P. Singh, Joint Secretary(Pak-IRAF) in the Ministry of External Affairs, for enabling necessary further action.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Sisir K. Bose,
Executive Director,
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9th October 1978

Dr. I. P. Singh
Joint Secretary (Pak-IRAF)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi

Dear Dr. Singh,

With reference to Mr. A. Mubayi's letter to me No. 6163 - FM/78 of the 28th September 1978, I am enclosing herewith letters of invitation to Mian Akbar Shah and Col. Shaukat A Malik to participate in the Third International Netaji Seminar to be held here from the 23rd to 26th January 1979. I hope you will please arrange to forward the invitations to these two gentlemen.

I feel confident that the Government of India will do all that is possible to enable these two gentlemen to visit India and take part in the International Seminar.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director

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9th October 1978

Mian Akbar Shah
Advocate
Vill. Badrashi
Dt. Nowshera
Pakistan

My dear Mian Sahib,

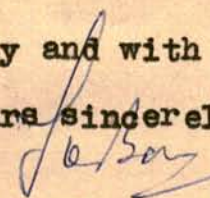
On behalf of the Council of Netaji Research Bureau I have much pleasure in cordially inviting you to visit India and attend the Third International Netaji Seminar to be held at Netaji Bhawan, Calcutta, from the 23rd to 26th January 1979. The principal theme of the seminar is our common struggle for the liberation of our sub-continent with particular reference to the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. You, having played a most significant and distinguished part in that common struggle - particularly in connection with Netaji's historic escape from India in 1941 - can contribute so very much to the deliberations of the seminar. By reviving historical links during the common struggle for independence, Netaji Research Bureau seeks in its humble way to strengthen and foster friendly ties among the countries of this subcontinent.

I hope you will be kind enough to accept our invitation and be a guest of the Bureau in Calcutta during the seminar. On hearing from you further, we shall arrange a special session of the seminar for your historical report on the events of the forties.

I hope you are keeping good health and the rest of the family are also well.

Looking forward to your reply and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director

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Lt.Col Shaukat A Malik (Retd.)
4 Nishtar Road
Multan
Pakistan

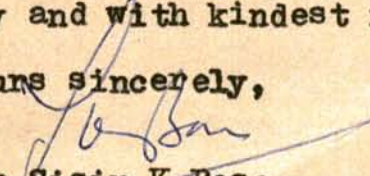
My dear Col.Malik,

On behalf of the Council of Netaji Research Bureau I have much pleasure in cordially inviting you to visit India and attend the Third International Netaji Seminar to be held at Netaji Bhawan, Calcutta, from the 23rd to 26th January 1979 on the occasion of Netaji's 82nd birth anniversary. The main theme of the seminar will be our common struggle for the liberation of our sub-continent with particular reference to the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. You can make a very significant contribution to the deliberations of the seminar by presenting a report on the historic events of 1943, 1944 and 1945 in East Asia - with particular reference to your role as the Commander of the Bahadur Group of the INA. By reviving such historical links during the common struggle, Netaji Research Bureau seeks in its humble way to strengthen and foster friendly relations among the countries of this subcontinent.

I hope you will be kind enough to accept our invitation and be a guest of the Bureau in Calcutta during the seminar. We shall be happy to arrange a special session for you for your address.

Looking forward to your reply and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Sisir K. Bose
Executive Director